

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Parnell "Pete" M. Swinson, and we are richer because Pete lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Pete was born December 3, 1916, in Presho, South Dakota, to Peter and Mary Swinson and was raised on their dairy farm where Pete helped his father with the dairy business; and,

Whereas, On December 8, 1941, Pete enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II; and,

Whereas, Pete married Ardys O'Toole on January 14, 1947, and to this union they were blessed with three children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and,

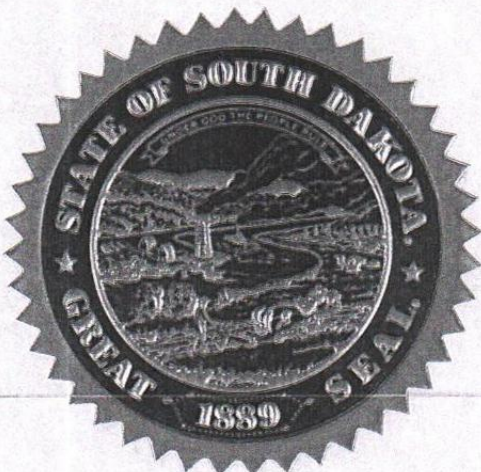
Whereas, Pete began his own construction company, Swinson Plumbing and Heating, where he built and remodeled homes until retiring in 1975 when Pete turned his attention to farming and taking care of pheasants until 2011; and,

Whereas, Pete will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2016, as

PETE SWINSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many family and friends in wishing him a happy birthday.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State